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Updates from the Arizona Immunization Program Vaccine Center **November 22, 2006 (Page 1 of 2)**

Influenza

- We currently have 21,150 doses of the 0.25mL flu vaccine that we can ship to providers.
- The Vaccine Center received 18,620 doses of flu vaccine in 5.0 mL vials on November 22. The Vaccine Center has received orders for approximately 13,730 of these doses leaving 4,890 doses still available to order. There are 10 doses per vial. We will ship this vaccine until the supply is exhausted.
- Providers must submit a flu vaccine reorder form with temperature logs and doses administered at the time of reorder.
- Flu season peaks in February in Arizona. Please continue to administer the inactivated flu vaccine until the expiration date of 6/30/07.

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)

To help raise awareness of influenza vaccination recommendations and the importance of continuing vaccination efforts throughout November and beyond, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Influenza Vaccine Summit, partners and stakeholders will be announcing a National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) from Monday, November 27th through Sunday, December 3rd, 2006. Partners may use this opportunity to help plan vaccination clinics and flu vaccine promotion activities with providers, state and local health departments, mass vaccinators, retail vaccinators, and other healthcare organizations. Free influenza materials are available for easy printing at CDC's "flu gallery" www.cdc.gov/flu/gallery, including posters, flyers, and educational handouts. Materials specific to NIVW will be available soon.

New Vaccine Tracking System

Frequently throughout every vaccination season, healthcare providers and facilities ask where they can obtain influenza vaccine. With no current information available regarding who has vaccine to sell, the answer usually is to "call a distributor or manufacturer."

To address this need, the National Influenza Summit, an informal collaboration of organizations involved in influenza vaccination in the United States has developed the Influenza Vaccine Availability Tracking System (IVATS). The goal of IVATS is to establish a voluntary, centralized, regularly updated national resource that health care providers can access to learn: 1) which distributors have influenza vaccine for sale; and 2) how to contact and order vaccine from these distributors. As of October 31st, nine distributors have enrolled and four have submitted their first report to IVATS. Information about how to use IVATS can be found on the National Influenza Summit's website at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/16919.html>

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Hepatitis B

- Hepatitis B is a three dose series given at birth, 8 weeks and 24 weeks of age.
- The third dose is invalid if administered before 24 weeks of age and this dose must be repeated.
- AIPO will be utilizing assessment software that will count the third dose as invalid if it is provided before 24 weeks of age. Please remember to administer the third dose of hepatitis B on or after the infant is 24 weeks of age.

MMR

- Mexico has provided MMR in many areas of the country since 2000 to children when they are 1 year of age.
- If the record shows a single-antigen measles, it can not be assumed that an MMR was given. MMR is the recommended vaccine nationally in Mexico, but the single- antigen preparation is available, even if not routinely given.
- If a record indicates the child received TripleViral; please interpret this as MMR.